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Several ladies having complained, that they thought themſelves neglected in our *Journal*, in which they ſeldom meet with ſubjects proper for their entertainment; the following letter is publiſhed to oblige them, which was certainly written by one of their own ſex.

BAVIUS.

Mr. BAVIUS,

KNowing your humanity extends to the relieving your fellow creatures, under what calamity ſoever, we think you the propereſt perſon we can apply to, for the redreſs of our preſent grievance. You know, according to the cuſtom of the wiſeſt countries, in all ages, the governing of ſtates has been thought peculiar to the men, as domeſtic affairs have been reckoned the propereſt ſphere for the female part of the ſpecies to act in. Tho' ſometimes indeed kingdoms have been ruled, and battles fought by women: but thoſe women have generally been as infamous for their vices, as famous for their heroiſm. And, as 'tis a juſt obſervation, that thoſe men who would impoſe ill-nature on the world, as a ſign of wit, want all the true ſigns: ſo thoſe women, who pretend to be above being diverted with the trifling gallantries and chit chat, ſo agreeable to the reſt of their ſex, do not abound in ſuperior ſenſe, but really want vivacity.—— But we'll leave theſe obſervations, to give you a deſcription of our ſelves, and our ſufferings.

We are call'd, *The Fiddle-faddle Club*, from the innocence of our converſation: becauſe we neither ſcandalize our neighbours, nor talk of things above our capacities. The club conſiſts of ſeven; never admitting any of the he-creatures, for fear of a ſet of hideous decay'd toaſts in the neighbourhood, who never fail to cenſure our moſt inoffenſive actions, and are ever upon the watch to murder our reputations. The deſcription of theſe odious wretches you ſhall have in a ſubſequent epiſtle, if you publiſh this. —— The firſt of our club is lady TIPTOE; who being paſſionately fond of the upper part of her face, wears heels like ſtilts, to overlook the crowd, where ſhe appears to the greateſt advantage: for TIP's eyes are fine; and ſhe has the beſt fancy in a ribbon of our whole ſett.—— The next is lady FANCYFULL, whoſe greateſt pride is in her foot, who buckles her ſhoes, and ties up her ſtockings with the greateſt nicety imaginable. She was the firſt in ſhort petticoats; furniſhes the company with polite whimſies; and has the tip-top gait in the world.—— The third of our little *fraternity* is lady LAZY, who is ſo agreeably weak, that ſhe often borrows a hand to ſtir her tea, and feed her noſe with ſnuff. In ſhort, nothing moves her, but the ſound of a fiddle; for ſhe dances to admiration.— The fourth, CÆCILIA THOUGHTLESS, is the delight of the whole company: ſhe has a voice like CUZZONI; which continually puts us in mind of that dear, charming little Philomel. She plays upon the harpſichord to a wonder, and all this only by her ear: for the dear creature could never attend to notes. She has the prettieſt ſlender fingers; and her hand is as white as her face: for you muſt know, we would not admit amongſt us a robuſt cherry-cheek'd creature, who looks as if ſhe come out of a dairy, for the univerſe.—— But nothing can compare to miſs LOVE-MODE: ſhe walks ten mile a day, when it's the faſhion; and when it's polite to ſit ſtill, ſhe can't go croſs the room. She was one of the firſt in japanning, and placed a butterfly upon a houſe, larger than the houſe itſelf. A prodigious misfortune lately befell her. She doats on China, and had juſt purchas'd a beautiful ſet of plates at fifty guineas: when a wretch, that one would imagine came out of NOAH's ark, ask'd if they were Delft. This threw her into ſo violent a paſſion, that ſhe came to the club with eyes ſwell'd out of her head; and upon FANCYFULL crying ſhe never ſaw ſuch a figure, ſhe flew to the glaſs over the chimney, and burnt the prettieſt gown that fancy could invent. —— The ſixth member of our agreeable aſſembly is miſs AT-ALL. She's certainly the beſt mimic in the world: There's not an ugly puſs, nor old maid in the town; but ſhe diſplays her in ſuch lively colours, that its impoſſible to be in her company without half dying with laughter. I have ſeen her the very picture of my lord TINSEL: Sir RUSTIC RACER ſhe ſhows in all his awkward country breeding, till we are ready to expire. — This, with the character of dear COQUETILLA, you will allow, muſt make our ſett compleatly agreeable to all people of true taſte. She has a larger ſhare of beauty, than any of the company. Nor is it ill beſtow'd: for ſhe's a maſter piece in the art of pleaſing. Her quickneſs is ſo ſurprizing, that wit is never loſt upon her. Laughing becomes her to *diſtraction*: for her teeth are ſo prodigiouſly fine, the eyes of the whole company are ever upon her mouth. Nor can any thing diſturb the tranquillity of her temper, unleſs (as 'tis all our fates ſometimes) ſhe's oblig'd to hobble out of a public place without a pretty fellow to aſſiſt her.

This is the exact portraiture of our amicable ſociety. We meet twice a week to ſettle faſhions, and talk over the beaux, and all the pretty things that have been ſayed to any of us. Our employment, when we are not at the club, is to dreſs in the whims invented there; to endeavour to get our faſhions follow'd; and to make new conqueſts. As nothing gives us greater pleaſure than to have our taſte in dreſs approved by the beau monde; ſo we are concerned at nothing ſo much, as to find any new fancy, we piqued ourſelves upon, neglected and overlook'd: which ſhocking mortification we now meet with almoſt every day. For you moſt know, Mr. BAVIUS, ſince this deteſtable topic of the *Exciſe* has been in vogue, thoſe whom we before thought agreeable company, have their heads fill'd with nothing elſe, and are always tormenting us with the ſound. The day the bill was put aſide (oh, barbarous diſappointment!) we went to a ball dreſs'd in new-invented puffs, the buſineſs of a whole club-night: for we took the pains to make them ourſelves, leſt they ſhould not be done to pleaſe us. When we expected they ſhould employ the thoughts and tongues of the whole company, they were not in the leaſt obſerv'd. The whole diſcourſe ran on the dragon *Exciſe*: which has had ſuch an effect upon us, that we are eat up with the ſpleen. If you don't publiſh this, and give the polite world your advice, not to turn politicians, we ſhall never recover. We have already ſo impair'd the luſtre of our eyes, that we deſpair of killing a mortal this month. We relie intirely upon you, Mr. BAVIUS, for redreſs; and ſhall wait with impatience to ſee our wrongs publiſhed: which if you perform ſpeedily, you'll much oblige

Your great admirers, and humble ſervants,

St. James's Ap. 23. 1733. THE FIDDLE FADDLE CLUB.

The concluſion of the Short hiſtorical account of the proceedings of many dealers in dullneſs, &c. *inſerted partly in our* 172d *and* 174th Journals.

SECT. VIII. March the 28th being come, I went to the chapel near Clare-market, an hour before the time appointed, that I might obſerve the whole tranſactions there, from the beginning to the end. At the door I was accoſted by a man, whoſe face I charitably ſuppoſed might be an emblem of his devotion, it being exceedingly red and carbuncled. He demanded of me a ſhilling: upon which I asked him, whether that was the loweſt price: to which he anſwered, Yes, to gentlemen. Then, ſayed I, I'll not come in at all, and turned my back upon him: but he immediately pulling me by the ſleeve, cryed, Come, give me your teſter: which I did, and found myſelf the firſt perſon that had been admitted. But I was ſoon followed by a large number, moſt of which, as I judged by the continual diſputes at the door, were admitted on the ſame terms, or for nothing: and who ſeemed to be chiefly printers, book-ſellers, and authors.

SECT. IX. As ſoon as the clock ſtruck ſeven, the great PUFFERUS entered the roſtrum, with looks juſtly elated in an extraordinary manner, as having never ſeen ſo large an audience there before. From thence he delivered a long oration, *intirely new*, in juſtification of the intended exciſe upon tobacco and wine: at the end of which he ſayed, he had *unanſwerably anſwered* all the objections againſt inland duties; and concluded, that, as it was morally certain, that the bill would paſs, there could be no juſt reaſon to apprehend, that the project of the exciſe upon dullneſs would take effect. However, that we might act with all the precaution imaginable, in a caſe of that great concern and importance, he propoſed, that a committee ſhould be choſen out of the congregation, to conſider of all dutyful ways to oppoſe the execution of any ſuch ſcheme: and then he deſcended from the roſtrum.

SECT. X. The whole company, who underſtood little or nothing of this ſublime oration, it being delivered in a ſtyle above all the rules of grammar, unanimouſly approved of this laſt propoſal, which was in plain Engliſh. And accordingly a committee of twenty-one was choſen, whoſe names were PUFFERUS, KIBERUS ſenior, OLDMIXONUS, OSBORNIUS, BRITONICUS, CARUS, TINDALLUS, GORDONUS, MORGANUS, KIBERUS junior, REGISTERIUS, BELLAMEUS, CURLEUS, PEELEUS, CAVEUS, together with ſix fellows of colleges, three of Oxford, and as many of Cambridge. To this committee I had the honour to be appointed door-keeper; and was much diverted and inſtructed by the tranſactions which I overheard. At the very firſt a warm diſpute was likely to have riſen concerning the election of a chair-man; to which office CARUS and PUFFERUS were both nominated. But the latter ſoon put an end to all contention, by declaring with a loud voice, "Gentlemen, ſince I have qualified myſelf, according to "law, for this ſacred place of true primitive Chriſtian "worſhip; B—G—— I think no one has ſo good a right "to the chair here as myſelf; and if CARUS dare oppoſe "me, I challenge him immediately to a public diſputa-"tion." Having ſayed this, he placed himſelf in the chair, to the ſilence and aſtoniſhment of all preſent.

SECT. XI. The committee after a while being recovered from their amazement, began to conſult what was to be done: and ſoon came to the following reſolution, *viz.* That a letter of advice and inſtruction be ſent to their repreſentative in parliament, in relation to this affair; and that Mr. CARUS, Mr. OSBORNIUS, and Mr. BRITONIUS, do immediately prepare and draw up the ſame. Accordingly the ſay'd gentlemen, having withdrawn for about half an hour, returned and preſented the following letter, which was read, and approved *nemine contradicente*.

SECT. XII. Honourable Sir,

Being informed, that a ſcheme has been prepared by a certain projector of Grub-ſtreet, in order to be layed before your honourable houſe, for the granting an exciſe upon dullneſs, we think it our duty to acquaint you with our ſentiments upon this occaſion. We take it to be a right, originally inherent in every Free Briton, to utter by ſpeaking, writing, or printing, whatever quantity of dullneſs his auditors or readers ſhall be willing to take off his mouth or hands, without any moleſtation, leſt, incumbrance, or diſcouragement. As this liberty has been often aſſerted by our anceſtors, with a great expence of blood and treaſure: ſo we are reſolved to tranſmit it down to our poſterity, in as full extent as poſſible. The exciſe already layed upon this ſtaple commodity, by the ſtamp-duty, has been a great diſcouragement to our trade: yet we have patiently ſubmitted to it, as believing it neceſſary, at a time when the nation was continually threatned with a foreign war; hoping, that when a firm and laſting peace ſhould be ſettled, we ſhould ſee that incumbrance taken off from the labours of our heads and hands. But to our great ſurprize and concern, tho' we have had the ſtrongeſt aſſurances of the eſtabliſhment of ſuch a peace repeated from year to year; inſtead of ſeeing the ſtamp-duty taken off from any paper commodities, we are now allarmed with the apprehenſion of a new exciſe to be layed upon them: we therefore humbly deſire, intreat, and conjure you, that if any ſuch exciſe, under what name or pretence ſoever, ſhall be propoſed in parliament, you will to the utmoſt ſtrenuouſly oppoſe it. Nay, we expect this conduct from you: for as we have choſen you to be our repreſentative, we think you cannot diſcharge the great truſt we have repoſed in you, of acting in our ſtead, any otherwiſe than by voting on all occaſions, wherein you are acquainted with our ſentiments, in the very ſame manner that we ſhould vote ourſelves, were we in your place: who are,

Clare-market, Sir, your moſt obedient,

Mar. 28. 1733. and humble ſervants.

This letter had ſo good effect, that the project was intirely layed aſide.

On GOOD *and* ILL-NATURE.

To Mr. POPE.

IN virtue's cauſe to draw a daring pen,
Defend the good, encounter wicked men:
Freely to praiſe the virtues of the few;
And boldly cenſure the degen'rate crew:
Scorning, with equal juſtice, to deride
The poor man's worth, or ſooth the great one's pride:
All this was once good-nature thought, not ill:
Nay, ſome there are ſo odd to think ſo ſtill.
Old-faſhion'd ſouls!—Your men of modern taſte
Are with new virtue, new politeneſs, grac'd.
Good-nature now has chang'd her honeſt face,
For ſmiling flatt'ry, compliment, grimace:
Fool grins at fool, each coxcomb owns his brother,
And thieves and ſharpers compliment each other.

To ſuch extent good-nature now is ſpred,
To be ſincere is monſtrouſly ill-bred:
An equal brow to all is now the vogue;
And complaiſance goes round from rogue to rogue.
If this be good—'tis glorioufly true,
The moſt ill-natur'd man alive—is You.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
D A. *Daily Advertiſer.*

Hyp-oratorial puffs and advertiſements in the month of April. — Hyp-puffs 6: Oratorial ditto 2: in all 8: — Hyp-advertiſements 9: Oratorial ditto 9: in all 18.

THURSDAY, *May* 3. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint his grace the duke of Devonſhire to be lord ſteward of his houſhold, in the room of the right hon. the earl of Cheſterfield. *C.* &c. — The right hon. the earl of Stairs, vice-admiral of Scotland, and Col. of a regiment of horſe, is removed from his employs. *DA.* — We are well aſſured this report is entirely without foundation. *C. May* 5.

His majeſty has been pleaſed to grant his royal licence to her grace the dutcheſs of Kendal, and her niece the counteſs of Walſingham to go to Germany for ſix months. *LE.* — They will return in the winter. when the earl of Cheſterfield will be married to lady Walſingham. *SJ.* — *I ſuppoſe my brother has been principally concerned in making this match.*

One Mary Ward has been committed to Newgate by Sir Will. Billers, for picking a jeweller's pocket, at an inn in Weſt-ſmithfield, of a gold watch ſet with diamonds, valued at 80l. *SJ.* — She got out of bed from him when he was aſleep, taking his breeches, in which was a watch which coſt 100l. *LE.* — *My brother* Conundrum, *ſays, Had he kept* watch *with his eyes, he had kept his* gold watch *and* breeches; *and not been rewarded as he deſerved.*

Guilford, Ap. 30. A few of the rabble did aſſemble at Guildford in order to make a bonfire, and had alſo dreſſed up a figure to throw into it; but the magiſtrates immediately cauſed them to be diſperſed; but pretty late at night, almoſt every body being a-bed, they took that opportunity to ſteal into town again, and then indeed did light their bonfire, and make what your news-papers call *great rejoycings*; but the magiſtrates, and all the principal inhabitants, traders as well as others, took all proper methods to ſuppreſs theſe unjuſtifiable and illegal proceedings, &c. *C.* — *Guilford, May* 3. It was by the conſent and approbation of the principal traders, that the rejoycings on that occaſion was made. It might not be ſo agreeable to ſome as call themſelves gentlemen of this place, who are altogether to think and act as a *nigh neighbour* of theirs ſhall bid or inſtruct them. *SJ. May* 5.

On tueſday the rev. Mr. Jenner was choſen lecturer of the united pariſhes of St. Olave's Jewry and St. Martin's Ironmonger-lane, in the room of the rev. Dr. Trapp, who reſign'd. *DP.*

The inhabitants of St. Margaret's Weſtminſter have lately obtained a new grant from his majeſty, for the keeping of a hay-market in the Broad-way: where there was one formerly, granted by king James II. *DA.*

Chriſtened males 177: females 144: in all 321. — Buried males 272: females 314: in all 586. — Decreaſed in the chriſtenings 49. — Increaſed in the the burials 8. *SJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 4. Yeſterday his majeſty was pleaſed to appoint the lord viſc. Lonſdale to be lord keeper of the privy ſeal, in the room of his grace the duke of Devonſhire. *P.* — Mr. Wiſeman, clerk of the check at Woolwich, ſucceeds Mr. Beverly, clerk of the check at Deptford, deceaſed: and Mr. Ruſſel ſucceeds Mr. Wiſeman. *P. DP.*

The directors of the South-ſea company are preparing to to lay before the houſe of lords an account of the 2,400,000l. received from the truſtees of the forfeited eſtates of the directors in 1720. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *May* 5. Yeſterday Tho. Abney, of the Inner-temple Eſq; was ſworn in at the court of King's-bench Weſtminſter, one of his majeſty's counſel, in the room of Tho. Reeve Eſq; *P. DP.* — His majeſty's attorney general has received orders for the proſecuting Sir Archibald Grant Bart. Will. Burroughs, Will. Squire, &c. lately concerned in the management of the charitable corporation, for indirect and fraudulent practices. *DJ.*

The hon. Mrs. Vane is dangerouſly ill at her houſe in Grovenor-ſquare. *DP. DA.*

On thurſday night his excellency baron Sparr, envoy from the court of Sweden, arrived at his houſe in Groſvenor-ſtreet. *DP. DA.* — Yeſterday. *P.*

The univerſity of Oxford have conferred the degree of doctor in divinity upon the rev. John Nicoll, head maſter of Weſtminſter ſchool, by diploma. *P.* — They write from Oxford, that a *terra filius* is appointed for the enſuing public act, a gentleman of Baliol College; and that an annuity of 100l. per ann. is to be ſettled on him as an equivalent for being expell'd, which always follows the licence and ſatyr of his performances. *DA.*

The lord Willoughby embarqued at Dover the 1ſt inſt. on his travels. — *P. I fear my learned* brother *was never there.*

On wedneſday laſt Hen. Norris Eſq; ſon of juſtice Norris of Hackney, was married to miſs Handley, an agreeable young lady, with a fortune of 3000l. *DP.*

On tueſday died, unmarried, at his ſeat at Eaſt-Grinſtead in Suſſex Sir Tho. Wiſeman, the third baronet of that family. He is ſucceeded in honour and eſtate by his next brother, now Sir George. *DA.* — Sir Tho. Wiſeman of Canfield-hall in Eſſex Bar. the title is extinct, his brothers dying before him. *LE.*

MONDAY, *May* 7. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. George earl of Moreton vice-admiral of Scotland, in the room of the right hon. John earl of Stair. *C. P. DJ. DA.* — To which place a ſalary of 2000l. is annexed. *DP.*

Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Lavington preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, and the three eldeſt princeſſes; and the rev. Dr. Holcomb before his royal highneſs the duke, and the three youngeſt princeſſes. *C. DJ. DA.*

His royal highneſs the prince dined laſt ſaturday at the lord Guilford's ſeat near Epſom, and in the afternoon went and ſaw the horſe-races on the downs, and in the evening returned to S. James's. *C.* &c.

On ſaturday, the maſter, deputy maſter, and elder brothers of the hon. corporation of Trinity-houſe, met, according to annual cuſtom, at Trinity-houſe in Trinity-lane, Tower-ſtreet, and unanimouſly agreed upon the right hon. Sir Char. Wager, who was maſter in 1721. As this compliment was entirely new, Sir Charles made them a preſent of 426l. for the relief of poor diſtreſs'd ſeamen and ſeamen's widows. *DP.*

On ſaturday evening the coroners inqueſt ſat on the body of Mrs. Woodyer at the King's-arms tavern on Ludgate-hill, and brought in their verdict *wilful murder. C.* &c. — The ſurgeons, on examining her wounds, found the right ear cut through, and an impoſthumation [impoſtumation] in the brain, and on the hinder part of the head, the ſkull cut through, and the membrane, covering the brain, wounded in an extraordinary manner. Her husband withdrew three days before her death. *DA.*

On wedneſday about noon ſome perſons going to ſhew a houſe that was to be lett in Tenter-alley in New Tooley-ſtreet, found two human bodies, a male and female, cut up in a pickling-tub. *C.* — *I* imagine *they were* cut up out *of* the pickling tub, *and afterwards put* in.

TUESDAY, *May* 8. On friday night, the right hon. the earl of Burlington, went to court, and reſign'd his gold ſtaff, as captain of the band of gentlemen penſioners, together with his other places. *DP. DJ. DA.* — We hear that the counteſs hath alſo reſigned her place of lady of the bed-chamber to her majeſty. *DP.*

Tho. Fane Eſq; is appointed, by the lords of the treaſury, cuſtomer inwards for the port of Briſtol, a place worth 500l. per ann. in the room of —— Stephens Eſq; deceas'd. *DP. DA.*

We hear that Hen. Ventroſe Eſq; has purchaſed the place of head keeper of the priſon of Ludgate, and on tueſday was ſworn into his office. *C.*

Yeſterday the governors and directors of the Bank of England, and thoſe alſo of the Eaſt-india and South-ſea companies, preſented a petition to the houſe of lords againſt the ſtock-jobbing bill now depending there. *DA.*

On wedneſday laſt Mr. Baily, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Hurſt, riding officers at Eaſt Bourn in Suſſex, made a ſeizure of 1754 pound of tea, beſides coffee and other good. *DP.*

The corporation of Stamford have ſent a letter of thanks to their repreſentatives in parliament, for oppoſing the exciſe-bill. *P.*

Laſt night died at Whitehall the right hon. the earl of Cholmondeley, and is ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon, George lord viſc. Malpas. *C.* — Between 5 and 6. *DP.* — About 7. *P.* — Laſt night he lay ſpeechleſs. *DJ.*

Rayner the printer's ſentence for publiſhing *Robin's game, or ſeven's the main*, is deferred till the firſt day of next term. *DA.*

Aylesbury, May 5. This day a very great fire conſumed here in a little time, above 30 houſes, beſides ricks of corn, barns and out-houſes. *SJ.*

Yeſterday the right hon. Alexander Hume, earl of Marchmont, reſign'd his place of lord regiſter of Scotland. *SJ.* — Lord clerk regiſter. *LE.*

Yeſterday two new commiſſions of the peace for Middleſex and Weſtminſter paſſed the ſeals, in which the names of 5 gentlemen are left out; 7 new are added to that for Middleſex, and 17 for Weſtminſter. *SJ. LE.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 9. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the lord Walpole to be cuſtos rotulorum of the county of Devon, in the room of the right hon. the lord Clinton. *DP.* — Gilbert Fleming Eſq; to be lieutenant general of the Caribbee Iſlands, and of S. Chriſtopher's, in the room of Will. Mathew Eſq; — James Wedderburn Eſq; to be clerk of the common-pleas in South-Carolina. — Rob. Burnet Eſq; to be ſecretary to Nova Cæſarea, or New Jerſey. — And Hugh Lewis, D.D. to be prebendary of Winſor. *C.* &c.

Yeſterday both houſes of parliament voted an addreſs of thanks to his majeſty for communicating to them the intended marriage between the prince Naſſau of Orange, and her royal highneſs the princeſs royal. *C. DP. DA.*

The rev. Dr. Secker was a few days ſince inducted into the rectory of S. James's at Weſtminſter, in the room of the rev. Dr. Tyrwhit, ſon-in-law to the biſhop of London; he having got many eccleſiaſtical preferments. *DP. DJ.* — The rev. Mr. Fiddes, of All Souls college in Oxford is made prebendary of S. Paul's. *P.*

We hear that a fine marquee, or a tent, is preparing, which will cover 100 horſes, and is to be pitched on ſaturday next on Hounſlow heath, when his majeſty will review the three regiments of dragoons, in caſe of wet weather. *C.* — *And likewiſe* in caſe of dry.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Dear BAVIUS,

I Remember it was the wiſh of one of the greateſt genius's of our nation, (ADDISON's *Spectat.* N° 135.) that we had ſomething like an academy; that, by the beſt authorities and rules drawn from the analogy of languages, ſhould ſettle all controverſies between grammar and idiom. Till ſuperior authority ſhall eſtabliſh ſuch a foundation; by virtue of my office, I conſtitute your ſociety at the Pegaſus, judges *en dernier reſſort*, of all ſuch cauſes as ſhall, from time to time, be brought before your tribunal.

The firſt thing I ſhall preſent, is, the uſe of the word *never*, in ſuch phraſes as theſe; "Never ſo great, never ſo "much, &c." which have paſs'd current among the populace, from the firſt ages of our language; and are to be met-with in moſt of our beſt writers. Even ſome of our critics have contended for it. —— The expreſſion "Never "ſo much," ſays Mr. GREENWOOD, (*Engl. Gramm.* p. 169.) is thus explain'd by my worthy friend Mr. BENJAMIN MORLAND, Let a man give never ſo much; i.e. "Let a "man give ſo much as he never gave before."

Notwithſtanding all theſe authorities in favour of this uſe of the word, I offer it to your conſideration, whether, in this ſenſe, you ought not, after the example of the famous academy *della cruſca*, to fitt it out of the Engliſh language; the rather, as the particle *ever* may, in my poor opinion, with much greater propriety, be ſubſtituted in its ſtead, agreeably to its ſettled ſignification on other occaſions. Thus, as we ſay, "How much ſoever;" analogically hereto, we ought to ſay, "Let a man give ever ſo "much."—— But, having made the remonſtrance, I leave the deciſion of this point to your authority; being, with all due deference to your worthy ſociety,

Your humble ſervant,

The CENSOR *of Great Britain.*

VERSES *occaſioned by* Mr. ORATOR's *dropping his* wedneſdays orations, *publiſhing the* Hyp doctor *twice a week, and falling the price of it to* three half-pence.

THO' learn'd thy *wedneſdays lectures* were, my brother,
In of one ear they went, and out of t'other.
But when thy *tueſday's hypochondriac* chapters
We read; we ſtare, and wond'ring fall in raptures.
Well therefore haſt thou done, our ears to eaſe,
By dropping thoſe at once, and doubling theſe.
Nor do our pates alone this kind *tranſaction*
Perceive: our pockets feel the benefaction.
Six-pence we weekly ſave: and from your ſtore
You freely give us each one penny more.
For, like the Doctor of a former age,
In the ſame fields who kept his weekly ſtage,
You act: but ſtill improving on his thought,
For three pence ſell two p'quets worth a groat.

MÆVIUS.

The letter from SOME BODY *came too late to be inſerted this week.*

Dublin, Ap. 28. The boatſwain of a large ſhip in this harbour, was to be joined in wedlock, laſt week, after a tedious courtſhip; but when the clergyman came to perform his part, the intended bridegroom wept bitterly, and would not be married. Being asked the reaſon, he would give none, upon which, ſome women in company ſearched him; and came to a reſolution not to marry any man that had not a certificate. *P. May* 9.

FOREIGN NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, *Vienna, May* 2. N. S. There are three parties formed in Poland; one for king Staniſlaus, ſupported by the kings of France, Sweden, Denmark, and even . . . . . ; another for the elector of Saxony, ſupported by the emperor, the king of Pruſſia, and Saxony; and the third for count Potocki, ſupported by the principal grandees, and under-hand by the Czarina of Muſcovy, with a view to a match between the count and the princeſs Elizabeth, daughter of the late Czar Peter the Great. Mean while, it is generally agreed, that the primate is byaſſed in favour of king Staniſlaus. *P.*

BOOKS and PAMPHLETS publiſhed.

Ap. 18. The proceedings at the Old-Baily Ap. 4—7th.
Modern hiſtory, by Mr. Salmon: N° 110.
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On Wedneſday Stocks were

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